Telecom: Does not arise.

(c) *Postal:* Department of Posts is at concerned.

Telecom: Bombay and Delhi Tele-ione Districts Corporation called lto a Telephone Corporation called Jahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. in)86. It is too early for any assessment of performance.

(d) *Postal;* Does not relate to De triment of Posts.

Telecom: The information is being Elected and the same will be placed 1 the Table of the House.

Sale of Aspirin only on medical prescription

1920. SHRI M. VINCENT; Will the :iniste$_r$ of HEALTH AND FAMILY "ELFARE be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government are aware iat free use Of Aspirin and its irivatives are liable to cause Reege pndrom in Children and teen agers;

(b) if so, what are the measures :ing taken to ban the sale of Aspirin id its derivatives without medical escription;

(c) what is the quantity of aspirin lanufactured in India by multinatio-als and Government of India or tate enterprises, annually during ie last 3 years;

(d) whether aspirin and its deri-itives are being imported under >ecific or brand names; and

(e) what is the quantity of aspirin trjorted out °^ India annually during e last 3 years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN HE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND AMlLY WELFARE (KUMARI AHOJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The reported adverse reaction of Aspirin is confined t$_0$ the children population and accordingly, the Government has prohibited its use in children below 12 years of age. The manufacturers of Aspirin formulations in the country are required to insert a warning statement indicating the possible adverse reaction to Aspirin in children suffering from viral fever, namely, the Reye's Syndrome. Indian Medical Association has been advised to direct its members not t° prescribe Aspirin to children suspected to be suffering from viral fever.

(c) The finished formulation of Aspirin under brand names are not allowed for imports. The bulk Aspirin is a canalised item and is imported through State Trading Corporation.

(d) A$_s$ per the information received from the Department of Chemicals and Petro-Chemicals, Ministry of Industry Aspirin is being imported a$_s$ bulk drug. Formulations of Aspirin are not imported.

(e) As per th$_e$ information received from the Office of Chief Controller of Imports and Exports, Ministry of Commerce, there has been no export of Aspirin during 1984-85. The information in respect of 1985-86 and 1986-87 will be collected from the Ministry of Commerce and will be laid on the table of the House.

Indore to Dohad Rail Line

1921. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI. Will th-Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 218 given in the Rajya Sabha on 11th M&rch, 1987 and state:

fa) whether it is a fact that Western Railway in their letter dated 10th September, 1985 addressed to the Madhya Pradesh Government had mentioned that th$_e$ rail link between Indore and Dohad would not be com-

mercially viable and that the State Government did not *aS Tee* with tha -onclusion of the Western Railway in this regard;

(b) if so, whether the Railway authorities have received comments of the State Government on the survey report and what is the reaction thereto; and

(c) whether Government propose to conduct an independent assessment of thp commercial viability of this nroieet in view of the fact that industrially and commeacially developed area in and around Indore, will get a direct link with the other industrial and commercial centres of the country thereby generating a lot 0l passenger cvid goods traffic for the railways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Comments of the State Government have been received. A fresh reappraisal-cum-feasibility survey is presently being done.

Youth Hostels in Madhya Pradesh

1922. SHRI A JIT P. K. JOGI; Will ihe Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased t0 state:

(a) whether it s a fact that although Government have identified Khaju-raho, Indore, Fachamari and Jabalpur in Madhya Pradesh as suitable places for the construction of Youth Hostals, no funds have so far been released for this purpose;

(b) by when the funds are likely to be released for the construction of Youth Hostels at these places; and

(c) whether Government propose »o identify more places f°r the construction of Youth Hostels in Madhya Pradesh Keeping in view the areaj and population of the State? «

THF MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE: MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Release of funds for the construction Of youth hostels at these places would be considered only after the subject is transferred to the Department of Affairs by the State Government and suitable land (measuring 2 to 3 acres is provide^ by it;

(c) Subject to the above condition being fulfilled; it is proposed to allo-

one more youth hostel to Madhya 1'iadesh during the Seventh Five Year Plan, provided land is made available at the selected place.

Halt of Indian Airlines' Ahmedabad-Calcutta nights Indore

iaz,3. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI; Will thfe Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be ::>lpased to state:

(a) whether Government have received proposals recently to the effect that Indian Airlines Ahmedabad-Calcutta flight should make a halt at Indore also so that Industrially and commercially advanced region, in and around Indore gets connected vilh two important trade and industrial centres of he country;

(b) if so(what is Government's response thereto;

(c) whether it is also a fact that ro place in the entire state of Madhya Piadesh has any direct air-link with sty • town/city in the eastern and southern part of the country; and

(d) if so, what staps are proposed t i be taken by Government to provide any such air-link?